

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 120, Baton Rouge, LA

February 19, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Ben Babin, Jerry Thibeau, David Hoover, Lionel Bailey, Willie George Lee, James Little, Larry Thomas, Don Thompson Tamiara Wade

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt Milazzo, Edwin Parker, Kenneth "Wade" Welborn

Vacancy: East Feliciana Parish

ALSO, PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Babin.
2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comments on Agenda Items:
4. Minutes

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Lee to approve the January 2019 regular meeting minutes.
6. Financial Statement Report
 - Hoover presented to the Board the January 2019 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Lee, second by Thompson to approve the January 2019 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
7. Executive Director Report
 - CRDC
 - Ratification of Amendment #2 of the Project Cooperation Agreement "PCA" between the USACE, DOTD, LADOTD, ARBC and EBR City/Parish for the Comite River Diversion Canal Project. The PCA was signed on February 15, 2019 by all partners.
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Bailey, second by Hoover, and subject to final review by ARBC Executive Director, the Local Service Agreement with City-Parish and City of Central. This would allow ARBC to assist with right-of-entry as well as expropriation.
 - Presentations were made by pipeline companies Exxon, Marathon, with mention of ORX. They requested authorization to enter into a General Agreement, as discussed, for workspace access. Their counsel will contact ARBC counsel, Larry Bankston.
 - Rietschier said that in regard to the stockpile of dirt, Waste Management prepared an excavation plan to ARBC which was submitted to the USACE.
 - Rietschier reported that all demolitions of the five houses/structures are completed by American Construction.
 - Brooks Lake area right- of-entries are being worked on for soil borings, surveys and investigations.
 - LADOTD Report by Susan Douglas: DOTD Real Estate is working with USACE Real Estate to establish priorities for land acquisition. Utility relocation construction has started at US61 with American Midstream currently doing HDD for their 12" line. Relocation activities will continue in the US61 vicinity through the end of 2019. The contract for the update of the LA964 bridge will be negotiated shortly, and final review for the Construction Management at Risk Statement of Qualifications is underway for the LA19 and La67 bridges.
8. ARBC Legal Counsel: Bankston reported on the DOTD proposed changes of roles by the non-federal partners. Planning to meet with DOTD to discuss changes. Modification to CEA would be needed. Regarding the Local Services Agreement between ARBC, City/Parish of EBR and City of Central, ARBC will provide ROE for the East Baton Rouge Drainage Improvements.
9. Old Business – None

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10. New Business

- The Board unanimously approved Bankston and Associate Contract Extension from July 1, 2019-June30, 2021, on motion made by Hoover, second by Lee. The fees for service will remain the same.
- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Lee to proclaim March 2019 as Flood Awareness Month
- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Thompson to expand the GCR Contract to include Right of Entry, with services as needed, etc.
- There was no objection from the Board of Commissioners to add the line item "Consideration of changing the time of ARBC monthly regular meetings."
- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by Wade to change the regular monthly ARBC meetings to 5:00 pm instead of 6:00 p.m.

11. The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

APPROVED:

/s/ Ben Babin, ARBC President

Date: April 16, 2019

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary